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## **CARMEL MAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - Andrew Jay McGrath, 30, Carmel, Indiana, was charged today with 24 counts of sexual exploitation of children for producing child pornography, one count of obtaining custody and control of a minor to produce sexually explicit images, and one count of possession of child pornography, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This indictment is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Carmel Police Department and the Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The indictment alleges that McGrath produced visual depictions of four minor females each of whom was less than 12 years of age engaged in sexually explicit conduct. McGrath allegedly produced the images of sexually explicit conduct over the course of the last four years. The indictment further charges that on one occasion, McGrath sought out custody and control of a minor female by use of a computer with knowledge that he would produce visual depictions of her engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

According to Assistant United States Attorney A. Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, McGrath faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 15 to 30 years on each of the counts of producing child pornography, which could be run consecutively to one another, a maximum possible sentence of life on the single count of obtaining custody and control of a minor for production of child pornography, a maximum possible sentence of 10 years on the single count of possession of child pornography, and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each of the counts. McGrath was initially charged in a criminal complaint on September 15, 2009. He remains in custody pending the disposition of this case. An initial hearing will be set before a United States Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

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This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006, by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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